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SUBJ: PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS RECALLED FROM NORTH REASSIGNED

REF: NDJAMENA 3112 (TOPEC)

1. TWO PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS RECALLED FROM FAYA LARGEAU LAST YEAR FOR REASONS OF SECURITY, AFTER WEEKS OF PATIENT WAITING, HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY REASSIGNED BY GOC MINISTRY EDUCATION TO SARH AND NDJAMENA. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE TO ITS NOTE OF NOVEMBER 17 WHICH REPLIED TO GOC NOTE ASKING THAT PCF'S BE WITHDRAWN FROM CHAD IF RECALBD DEF FITVEWY FROM FAYA, NOR HAS ANYTHING BEEN HEARD IN RECENT WEEKS OF THREAT TO ORDER WITHDRAWAL FROM CHAD OF ENTIRE PEACE CORPS (NDJAMENA 2953). EMBASSY DOUBTS IT WILL HEAR FURTHER FROM MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON SUBJECT AND IT WOULD APPEAR THAT ISSUE HAS BEEN RESOLVED ON DE FACTO BASIS.

2. EMBASSY CONTINUES MONITOR SECURITY SITUATION ABECHE, BILTINE, AND ATI. SITUATION REMAINS QUIET. IN MEETING WITH PCVS THESE ASSIGNMENTS DURING HOLIDAYS' STAGE IN NDJAMENA CHARGE STRESSED THAT PCVS PERSONAL SECURITY MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION EMBASSY AND WASHINGTON POLICY REGARDING THEIR ASSIGNMENTS CHAD, THAT PCVS HAVE STRICT OBLIGATION REPORT PROMPTLY AND ACCURATELY TO PCD ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MIGHT CAUSE THEM TO QUESTION THEIR SECURITY, AND, FINALLY, SHOULD SERIOUS QUESTIONS ON LOCAL SECURITY ARISE AND THEY BE UNABLE

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TO COMMUNICATE QUICKLY WITH PCD IN NDJAMENA THEY FULLY AUTH-

ORIZED MAKE DECISION RETURN NDJAMENA BY NEXT AVAILABLE AIR FLIGHT. ALL FOUR VOLUNTEERS STATED SECURITY THEIR AREAS GOOD, WITHOUT ANY CAUSE FOR ALARM, AND BELIEF THAT THEIR RELATIONS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POPULATION WOULD GIVE THEM ADEQUATE WARNING ANY SUBSTANTIAL DETERIORATION.

3. FYI: SOVIET EMBOFF NDJAMENA INFORMED EMBOFF RECENTLY THAT SOVIET PHYSICIAN STATIONED FAYA LARGEAU HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN. NO REASON GIVEN.LITTLE

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